

**IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF DELAWARE**

In re:

FRANCHISE GROUP, INC., *et al.*,¹

Debtors.

Chapter 11

Case No. 24-12480 (JTD)

Re: Docket No. 192

**ORDER DENYING MOTION OF THE AD HOC GROUP OF
FREEDOM LENDERS SEEKING ENTRY OF AN ORDER (I) TERMINATING
EXCLUSIVITY IN THE HOLDCO DEBTORS' CASES, (II) LIFTING THE
AUTOMATIC STAY IN THE HOLDCO DEBTORS' CASES, OR (III)
APPOINTING A CHAPTER 11 TRUSTEE FOR THE HOLDCO DEBTORS**

Upon consideration of the motion of the Ad Hoc Group of Freedom Lenders (the “**Freedom Lender Group**”) for entry of an order seeking, alternatively, (i) the termination of the exclusive periods during which the debtors Freedom VCM, Inc. and Freedom VCM Interco, Inc.

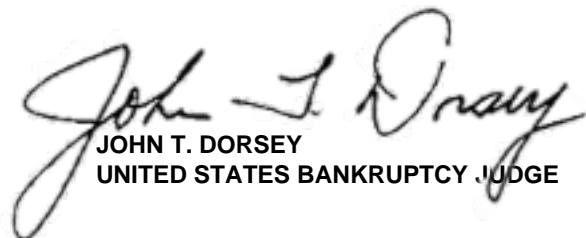
¹ The Debtors in these Chapter 11 Cases, along with the last four digits of their U.S. federal tax identification numbers, to the extent applicable, are Franchise Group, Inc. (1876), Freedom VCM Holdings, LLC (1225), Freedom VCM Interco Holdings, Inc. (2436), Freedom Receivables II, LLC (4066), Freedom VCM Receivables, Inc. (0028), Freedom VCM Interco, Inc. (3661), Freedom VCM, Inc. (3091), Franchise Group New Holdco, LLC (0444), American Freight FFO, LLC (5743), Franchise Group Acquisition TM, LLC (3068), Franchise Group Intermediate Holdco, LLC (1587), Franchise Group Intermediate L, LLC (9486), Franchise Group Newco Intermediate AF, LLC (8288), American Freight Group, LLC (2066), American Freight Holdings, LLC (8271), American Freight, LLC (5940), American Freight Management Company, LLC (1215), Franchise Group Intermediate S, LLC (5408), Franchise Group Newco S, LLC (1814), American Freight Franchising, LLC (1353), Home & Appliance Outlet, LLC (n/a), American Freight Outlet Stores, LLC (9573), American Freight Franchisor, LLC (2123), Franchise Group Intermediate B, LLC (7836), Buddy’s Newco, LLC (5404), Buddy’s Franchising and Licensing LLC (9968), Franchise Group Intermediate V, LLC (5958), Franchise Group Newco V, LLC (9746), Franchise Group Intermediate BHF, LLC (8260); Franchise Group Newco BHF, LLC (4123); Valor Acquisition, LLC (3490), Vitamin Shoppe Industries LLC (3785), Vitamin Shoppe Global, LLC (1168), Vitamin Shoppe Mariner, LLC (6298), Vitamin Shoppe Procurement Services, LLC (8021), Vitamin Shoppe Franchising, LLC (8271), Vitamin Shoppe Florida, LLC (6590), Betancourt Sports Nutrition, LLC (0470), Franchise Group Intermediate PSP, LLC (5965), Franchise Group Newco PSP, LLC (2323), PSP Midco, LLC (6507), Pet Supplies “Plus”, LLC (5852), PSP Group, LLC (5944), PSP Service Newco, LLC (6414), WNW Franchising, LLC (9398), WNW Stores, LLC (n/a), PSP Stores, LLC (9049), PSP Franchising, LLC (4978), PSP Subco, LLC (6489), PSP Distribution, LLC (5242), Franchise Group Intermediate SL, LLC (2695), Franchise Group Newco SL, LLC (7697), and Educate, Inc. (5722). The Debtors’ headquarters is located at 109 Innovation Court, Suite J, Delaware, Ohio 43015.

(the “**Holdco Debtors**”) may file a chapter 11 plan and solicit acceptances thereof, (ii) lifting the automatic stay in the Holdco Debtors’ cases, or (iii) appointing a chapter 11 trustee to administer the Holdco Debtors’ cases [Docket No. 192] (the “**Motion**”), and this Court having jurisdiction to consider the Motion pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 157 and 1334 and the *Amended Standing Order of Reference* from the United States District Court for the District of Delaware, dated February 29, 2012; and this Court having found that this is a core proceeding pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 157(b)(2); and that this Court may enter a final order consistent with Article III of the United States Constitution; and this Court having found that venue of this proceeding and the Motion in this District is proper pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1408 and 1409; and this Court having found that proper and adequate notice of the Motion has been given and that no other or further notice is necessary; and hearings having been held to consider the relief requested in the Motion on December 10, 2024 and December 17, 2024 (the “**Hearings**”); and after due deliberation and upon the record of the Hearings and all of the proceedings had before this Court,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

1. For the reasons stated by the Court on the record at the Hearings, the Motion is **DENIED**.
2. This Order shall be immediately effective and enforceable upon its entry.
3. This Court retains jurisdiction with respect to all matters arising from or related to the implementation, interpretation, or enforcement of this Order.

Dated: December 18th, 2024
Wilmington, Delaware


JOHN T. DORSEY
UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY JUDGE